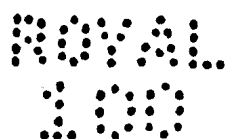


THE NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC FEDERATION PERFINS 1988-1990

Part 3

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ROYAL 100

A rectangular perfin stamp with the word "ROYAL" in the top row and "100" in the bottom row, both formed by a grid of small dots.

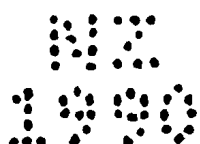
For the "Royal 100" national philatelic exhibition the New Zealand Philatelic Federation arranged for 20 sheets of the 40c Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand Centenary stamps, and 400 \$1 miniature sheets to be perforated with the words, "ROYAL 100".

The Royal 100 perfins were placed on sale at the exhibition on 6 October 1988. No special first day covers were prepared by Federation but some such covers were obtained by individual collectors and dealers.

The Royal 100 perfins sold quickly and by the last day of the exhibition supplies were virtually exhausted. The \$1 miniature sheets had in fact sold out the day before.

The \$1 miniature sheet is known with a very striking double perfin variety. Five sheets of this variety exist.

NZ 1990

A rectangular perfin stamp with the letters "NZ" in the top row and "1990" in the bottom row, both formed by a grid of small dots.

The World Stamp Exhibition, New Zealand 1990, saw the release of another Federation perfin. Various stamps were perforated with the words, "NZ 1990". Federation had agreed to host a reception at this exhibition and the cost of this function, plus a few other sundry

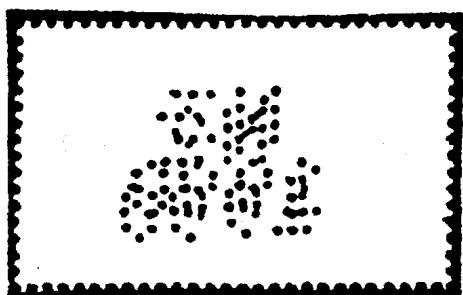
expenses, required an income of about \$4000. The Treasurer's report submitted to the September 1990 Federation showed that this target had been achieved, with a few dollars to spare.

Federation too took responsibility for the production of "passports" for sale at the exhibition. These were purchased by visitors to the exhibition who then visited each postal administration's stand, purchased a stamp, affixed this to the appropriate page in the passport, and had it cancelled with the postal administration's datestamp. Federation itself had a page

in the passport and both the 1c "Thank You" perfin and the various "NZ 1990" perfins were sold for use in the passports.

Four different stamps were perforated "NZ 1990": the 40c 1990 Heritage stamp (featuring a Maori voyaging canoe), the 40c Commonwealth Games stamp (Kiwi mascot), and the long obsolete and demonitized ½d and 1½d stamps of the 1940 Centennial issue. These two latter stamps were chosen because the design of the ½d value complemented the 40c Voyaging Canoe stamp, and the design of the old 1½d value complemented the "Kings and Queens" miniature sheet which was released during the exhibition.

First day covers were prepared for both 40c stamps, these being postmarked on the opening day of the exhibition, 14 August 1990. The first day cover of the 40c Voyaging Canoe also bore a copy of the ½d 1940 Centennial, this stamp being "postmarked" with Federation's own rubber datestamp.



Double perfins are known on the ½d and ½d 1940 Centennial stamps, and on the 40c Heritage stamp.

The Treasurer's report for September '90 gave the perforating figures as:

8000 40c Perfins were prepared, 2000 approx. were sold.

600 Perfin FDC's were printed, 100 approx. were sold.

2700 1940 Centennial Perfins were prepared, 2000 approx. sold.

About 2000 "Thank You" Perfins were sold.

Various souvenir cards were prepared by Federation. Those who attended the Federation reception received a card with an additional message printed on the reverse:- "These two stamps from New Zealand's 1940 Centennial set, specially prepared as perfins for NEW ZEALAND 1990, were issued fifty years ago but echo New Zealand Post's issues available during the exhibition. The ½d shows Maoris arriving; the 40c value issued March 7, 1990, depicts an early Polynesian voyaging canoe. The 1½d marked a century of New Zealand history under the British crown; the miniature sheet issued on day five of the exhibition shows our six monarchs."

Federation had also managed to obtain a small supply of ½d and 1d King Edward VIII souvenir postcards which had been issued for Tarapex '86. On the day of issue of the "Kings and Queens" miniature sheet, 29 August 1990, the stamp featuring King Edward VIII was placed alongside the printed King Edward stamp and cancelled on the first day of issue. These cards also bore a 1½d 1940 Centennial stamp perforated "NZ 1990".

Since New Zealand 1990, copies of the 40c Heritage stamp have been used on Federation correspondence to societies and Federation delegates. These covers will be sought after items.

I understand that Federation intends to continue its "Thank You" perfin scheme in the future. Although the 3c and 4c Mineral stamps have been withdrawn from sale it is understood that Federation has had stocks of these stamps set aside for its future use. All going well, we can expect the 3c stamp to be issued for 1990-91, and the 4c stamp for 1991-92. The Federation "Thank You" perfins are probably unique in the world of philately. If other overseas national philatelic bodies were to introduce similar schemes we could have a completely new collecting field - "Thank You" perfins of the world. So keep your eyes open for stamps perforated "Thank You" in Japanese, Russian, Greek or French.

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In the April 1991 Newsletter of the New Zealand Federation, there is a list of perfins available for purchase.

1c	Mineral with "Thank You" perfin	\$1 each
2c	Mineral " " " "	\$1 each
40c	1990 Heritage (canoe) with "NZ 1990" perfin	\$2 each
40c	1990 Games (kiwi) with "NZ 1990" perfin	\$2 each
	Plate Blocks of 40c Canoe perfins	\$14 each
	Plate Blocks of 40c Kiwi perfins	\$14 each
	FDC of 40c Canoe perfin	\$3 each
	FDC of 4 0c Kiwi perfin	\$3 each
½d	1940 Centennial with "NZ 1990" perfin	\$1 each
1½d	1940 Centennial stamp with "NZ 1990" perfin	\$1 each

The above stamps were available from - The Treasurer, NZPF, Box 786, Palmerston North, NZ - at April 1991.